

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application as amended.

The allowance of Claims 1-14 and 16-28 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Without acceding to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), Claim 15 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to present Claim 15 for further prosecution at a later time.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

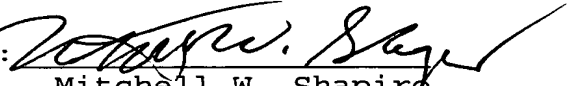
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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